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Bill Bundy
Ball
7/9/64, 3 p.m.

Ball asked if Mac had mentioned to Bill that the President had in mind doing something on the Vietnamese situation. It wasn't clear whether it would be a press conference or some TV statement. Bundy had not heard of it.

Ball said the main idea would be not to argue the issues but tell the story in the perspective that the decisions had been made back in 1954; that there was a continuity of policy; that if they wanted to argue about it, they should argue the decisions made back in 1954. Mac has worked up something on it which he planned to show the President and be back at Ball after lunch.

Ball suggested Bundy give some thought to it and also how it should be handled.

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